

**WILLO NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 13, 2018**

CTO: The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. by President Cannon.

Welcome: All board members present introduced themselves and the street they live on.

June Minute Approval: Charlene Gum called for a motion to approve the June minutes. The motion was seconded by Linda Doescher. The motion passed.

Financial Report: Linda Doescher reported that for the period of May through August (current fiscal period) the total income was \$13,383.00 and expenses were 10, 281.00 resulting in a net operating income of \$3,102.00. The Asset Account balances are as follows: Checking account balance is \$67, 034.30, money market \$129.00 and the Edward Jones CD balance is \$91,677.19. The total assets are \$158, 841.91.

A motion was made by Brad Brauer and seconded by Opal Wagner to approve the Treasurer's report. The motion passed.

Board Vacancy: We have a board vacancy. President Cannon has nominated Jeremy Schacter for the position. His credentials were issued to the Board prior to the meeting for review. A motion was made by President Cannon to appoint Jeremy Schacter to fill the position. Brad Brauer seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Block Watch/CAO Report: Officer Harris reported that there have been seven (7) residential trespasses in listed vacant houses in the past three (3) months. The trespassers were the homeless. There were misdemeanor arrests made which created a record of the trespass and support for future arrests of those individuals. Officer Harris explained how the process works when charging suspects and how it aids in controlling any future incidents.

A question arose as to how the recent Ninth Circuit ruling on allowing sleeping in public places when there are no sleeping shelters. How will this affect enforcement in Phoenix?

Officer Harris stated that the ruling will not affect the way the Phoenix Police enforce this type of trespass. There are criminal codes that cover behavior such as loitering, presence in parks after hours, etc. that allow the Police to lawfully remove the intruders.

Brad Brauer, Block Watch Chairman explained that this problem is not exclusive to Willo. This is happening in other neighborhoods as well. Our Block Watch program is an important preventative. We are still looking for Block Watch Captains for parts of Coronado, Cypress, Edgemont, Lewis and Vernon. Brad has procured 1,000 LED light bulbs from APS to use in porch lights. These were allocated among existing Block Watch Captains for distribution on their respective blocks.

Zoning Summation of Activities: Opal Wagner thanked the zoning committee members Anne Bommersbach, Lisa Helm, and Tom Doescher for covering the summer zoning meetings. The Switch signs are installed. They are smaller, and dimmer than originally proposed.

2828 N. Central signage: In the midst of the appeal to the sign plan of this location, it was found that the current plan had expired in 2013. The appeal was vacated. A new hearing will be held September 20th. The committee met twice over the summer with the sign company and owner of the building. The applicant will be reducing the Kelvin illumination from 7,100 to 4,500. We are still waiting for the City of Phoenix to adopt a policy setting limits for the brightness of LED signs, akin to what was adopted for LED streetlights. This would lessen the need to address these matters on a case by case basis.

Willo Float – APS Parade: This item has been tabled for discussion at a future meeting.

Inside Willo-Update: Nikki Armstrong advised that the deadline to submit copy for the October issue of Inside Willo is the 15th. This issue will contain information on the upcoming Home Tour, Luminaria Project, and the GAIN breakfast. However, all article submissions are welcome.

Virginia/1st Avenue: Tom Doescher reported that the lot may be sold soon. Equus has now renamed their group to Willow Homes LLC. The City of Phoenix has granted preliminary approval on their site plan. The buyer had questions about other conditions and changes needed. Once these are approved and new drawings are submitted to the sub-committee, the sub-committee will meet to review new plans with a subsequent meeting for the Virginia and Cambridge neighbors to review the plan. The plan proposes 27 single family homes that must follow the “Walkable Urban Code”. The developers desire is to begin building by February 2019.

GAIN: Brad Brauer announced that the GAIN event breakfast will be held on October 20th from 7:00 am to 10:00 am. This will coincide with the Willo yard sale which will be held from 7:00 am to 1:00 pm.. We will be inviting our elected officials and LB24 candidates to join us.

Vision 3.5 Update: Guest David Longoria, Chief of Staff from the offices of Laura Pastor, provided information on the progress of submittal for the neighborhood’s preferred design for 3rd and 5th Avenues. MAG (Maricopa Association of Governments) will recommend their original designs but will provide a narrative in the study that describes how the third alternative design was originally chosen and preferred by the neighborhood. This will “open the door” for the streets and transportation department to select it from the designs. When this happens, the project will have to be funded.

President Cannon inquired as to the timing of this submission. Mr. Longoria indicated the MAG was going to try to conclude this process by year end. However, there is no specific date for the action. Mr. Longoria will inform us of a date once it has been set.

Various Committee Reports:

Clean Streets: Patrice Wappel, Clean Streets Committee reported cleaning had been done on 7th Avenue north of Encanto extending to Cambridge. The entire alley behind Windsor was groomed from 1st to 7th Avenue.

KIDS CLUB: The upcoming events planned for Kids Club include music classes, a Halloween Carnival and parade. There will be additional activities such as pizza, games, prizes and food.

Home Tour: Anna Lauri and Samantha Keating, Chairs, held a meeting in August. Bob Cannon and Linda Doescher attended the meeting. There were ideas presented and discussed including a goal of securing 15 to 20 homes for the tour.

Mural Follow up:

This past August the Board authorized President Cannon to submit a letter to COP (City of Phoenix) objecting to the Mural Project. The City initiated a meeting inviting Willo, The Phoenix Historical Coalition and the Mural Project leaders to speak. President Cannon spoke first giving a history of Willo, an overview of the Willo Plan, all major projects that have been accomplished over the last 20 years by WNA and gave feedback re the summer of emails and contacts regarding this issue. All other invited organizations gave their views and discussion was open to all who registered to speak.

The City is going to provide some sort of guidance within 90 days as requested.

New Business: Paul Benjamin mentioned proposed developments at 36 and 42 W. Holly. There are two companies involved JAG Development and MA Studios. He outlined these companies and their projects. There was discussion and concerns about the type of projects they build which are modern in architecture. They have also been involved in building retail shops such as Starbucks.

Old Business: No old business to discuss.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held October 11, 2018.

Adjournment: Brad Brauer moved to adjourn the meeting, Patrice Wappel seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.